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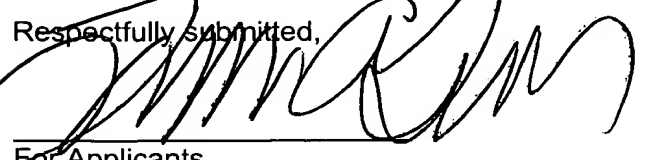
Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

Applicant : LUTZ RICHTER ET AL.  
  
Title : GATHERING STAPLER WITH SEPARATE DRIVES AND  
METHOD OF OPERATING THE GATHERING STAPLER

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